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Eviction of persons in possession of Government lands

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri M. Muni Reddy is not in his seat, and so, the question and the answer will be printed in the day's proceedings.

* 216 Q.—SRI M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the poor persons in possession of lands in S. No. 278 in Beranur village in Denkanikotah sub-taluk, Salem district have been asked by the Revenue authorities to quit the lands; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the land in S. No. 278 of Thinjepalli village. The Assistant Collector, Hosur, has ordered eviction in respect of encroachments in S. No. 278 of Thinjepalli village by persons who own patta lands of more than five acres of dry or two and a half acres of wet. This is with a view to making the land available for allotment to the persons displaced from the Krishnagiri Reservoir Project areas. No landless poor persons have been evicted from the land.

Employees' State Insurance Act

* 217 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to State—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers in Madras City about the bad administration of the Employees' State Insurance Act; and

(*b*) the action taken by the Government on the representation made by the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills workers against the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills authorities in not accepting the recommendations of the Medical Officers of the Employees' State Insurance Dispensaries in the City?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) This was one of the issues that came up for arbitration before Hon. Justice Ramaswami Gounder. He gave an award according to which the worker will in the first instance be examined by the company's doctor and that if that doctor does not grant the certificate then the worker will have the right to get himself medically examined by a Board consisting of three doctors, two of whom shall be nominated by the company and one by the Madras Labour Union. In view of the award, no action was considered necessary.